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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 08/249,671; filed May 26, 1994
For: **Process and Vector for Expressing Alpha-
Interferon in *E. coli***
Inventors: Hauptmann *et al.*
Our Ref: 0652.1350000/RWE

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a); and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

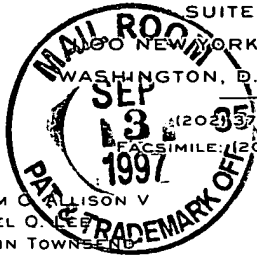
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Sir:

Submitted herein is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a). As payment of the issue fee has not yet been made or is filed herewith, Applicants respectfully submit that filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 (a) is proper. (M.P.E.P. § 714.16.)

It is believed that extensions of time are not required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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